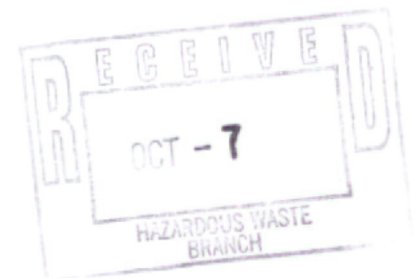




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Dear Ms. Trueman:

Re: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION AN ORDER FOR COMPLIANCE DAQC-1325-96**

Thatcher Company is doing everything possible to comply as soon as is possible.

Since the inspection on August 14, 1996 Thatcher has continued to take 15 minute measurements of the SO₂ concentrations. This was and is being done as we discussed while Jay Morris, Norm Erickson, and Bruce Allen were here at the inspection. Thatcher has also initiated sampling done according to 40 CFR 60 method 6 on a daily bases since August 20, 1996.

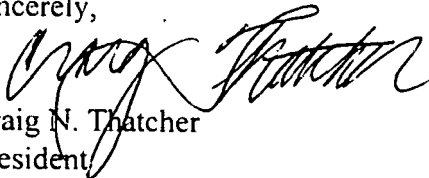
Thatcher Company has never tampered with a cut-off on the SO₂ Monitor. This was also discussed during the inspection on August 20, 1996. It was determined then that Thatcher had not tampered with the SO₂ Monitor in question but needed to investigate any factory installed cut-off systems built into the monitor. Thatcher Company has done this and is attaching a copy of the owners manual to this document for your review on this matter. Thatcher has not found any cut off systems except the monitors maximum capacity of 100 ppm. This 100 ppm capacity meets the requirement of 1.5 times the A.O. emission limit of 50 ppm.

In response to the 26 ppm measured at the time of the inspection Thatcher Company contacted Jay Morris, Norm Erickson, and Bruce Allen and invited them to do a retest. It was discovered that a valve used on the Teflon bag to do the monitor test is restrictive and has an effect on the flow rate of the monitor thus, giving a low reading of 26 ppm from the DAQ's cal gas test.

These issues were discussed previous to this Notice of Violation (NOV) DAQC-1325-96 and

were not considered in the NOV. Because of this misunderstanding Thatcher would like to discuss any further questions the DAQ might have and clear up their intent to comply before further NOV's are issued. Thatcher Company appreciates your concerns and will do everything possible to comply.

Sincerely,



Craig N. Thatcher
President